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SBA TO ANNOUNCE 2006 AWARD WINNERS

Augusta, ME - For more than forty years the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has recognized outstanding small business owners for their personal achievements and contributions to our nation's economy. The Maine District Office of the SBA will be announcing the 2006 Award Recipients on March 22nd.

What: Press Conference

Who: Charles Summers, Jr., Regional Administrator of the SBA

in New England, will be announcing the following award

winners:

Small Business Person of the Year

- Small Business Exporter of the Year
- Young Entrepreneur of the Year
- Jeffrey H. Butland SBA Family-Owned Small Business of the Year
- Minority Small Business Champion
- Veteran Small Business Champion
- Small Business Journalist
- Financial Services Champion
- Home-Based Business Champion

When: Wednesday, March 22nd, 2006

12:00 noon

Location: Care & Comfort

180 Main Street Waterville, ME

Media opportunity - This is the official release of Maine's award winners names. All winners will be recognized at the SBA celebration event, May 24th, at Spectacular Event Center in Bangor.